

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, JOHN HANCOCK  
VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, and INVESTORS  
PARTNER LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-12501-DPW

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE**

I hereby withdraw my appearance for the Plaintiffs John Hancock Life Insurance Company, John Hancock Variable Life Insurance Company, and Investors Partner Life Insurance Company in the above-captioned action. Plaintiffs will continue to be represented by Brian A. Davis, Michael Arthur Walsh, and Karen Collari Troake of the law firm Choate, Hall & Stewart, Exchange Place, 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. Notices and correspondence should continue to be directed to their attention.

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